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**VIA FEDERAL EXPRESS**

Ms. Janis R. Sigman  
Manager, Certificate of Need Program  
Washington State Department of Health  
310 Israel Road SE  
Tumwater, WA 98501

Re: Letter of Intent – Proposed Affiliation

Dear Ms. Sigman:

MultiCare Health System ("MHS") and Good Samaritan Community Healthcare ("GSCH") jointly submit this letter of intent pursuant to WAC 246-310-080 for a proposed affiliation between MHS and GSCH ("Proposed Affiliation"). While both MHS and GSCH believe that the Proposed Affiliation does not require certificate of need review, MHS and GSCH submit this letter of intent in the event that the Department of Health determines otherwise. In such a case, an expedited certificate of need review would likely be requested. As required by WAC 246-310-080, the following additional information is provided:

1. Description of Services Proposed: The Proposed Affiliation is a corporate affiliation between MHS and GSCH at the parent entity level. MHS will become the sole corporate member of GSCH. GSCH will remain the sole corporate member and parent of Good Samaritan Hospital ("GSH"), a Washington nonprofit corporation that owns and operates the Good Samaritan Hospital facility.
2. Estimated Cost of the Proposed Project: There is no purchase price for a sale of any assets associated with the Proposed Affiliation.
3. Identification of the Service Area: The Good Samaritan Hospital facility is located in Puyallup in the East Pierce County planning area and also serves residents elsewhere in Pierce County and in King County.

Sincerely,

Bradley J. Berg  
Christopher G. Emch  
Foster Pepper PLLC  
On behalf of MultiCare Health System

For and with the authorization of  
Kathleen Benedict  
Benedict Garratt PLLC  
On behalf of Good Samaritan  
Community Healthcare